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Title

Is a Multi-agency Approach the Key to Child Friendly Justice?

Speaker

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Abstract:

In recent years increasing focus has been placed on the promotion of child friendly justice with efforts to assure that – amongst other criteria - justice is accessible, age appropriate, adapted to and focused on the rights of the child, and respects the right to integrity and dignity. These characteristics of child friendly justice are especially important when working with minors who have mental health and/or substance abuse problems that require special care. In such cases, the provision of child friendly justice in addressing mental health and substance abuse needs supports rehabilitation and reintegration efforts by assuring that children in conflict with the law are in a position – psychologically, physically and emotionally – to engage in actions designed to support rehabilitation and reintegration.

The provision, however, of quality child friendly psycho-social services requires coordinated interventions by different professionals both within and outside the justice system in order to not only address mental health and substance abuse concerns, but also to assure the success of rehabilitation efforts.

Practice and research increasingly demonstrate that multi-professional and multi-agency work can significantly improve the efficacy of interventions, assure that youth receive the necessary treatment and reduce recidivism upon release from the justice system. This webinar explores the humanitarian, ethical and practical issues tied to multi-professional and multi-agency work as the well as the role of multi-agency work in the shift towards child friendly justice in which rehabilitation, reintegration and resocialization play a key role. The objective is to provide participants with a clear understanding of the importance and potential of multi-professional and multi-agency work as well as the associated difficulties and how to address them.

Biographical Note

Dr. Stenius is a criminologist with extensive international experience in juvenile justice, mental health, multi-agency services provision, services integration, and systems change. She has published articles, reports and edited volumes dealing with coordinated multi-agency care in the justice, mental health and social services systems with an extensive focus on the treatment of co-occurring disorders including reports on multi-agency mental health service provision for vulnerable populations on behalf of the European Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice.